



St. George's CEP Newsletter

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'Bringing faith and education together'

Our value this term is **KINDNESS**

Do not let kindness and truth leave you - Proverb 3:3

On Monday this week we had our first day since the return from the Christmas break with no children or staff absence due to self-isolating. I am sure we may have some covid absence but I want to thank you all for following guidelines, communicating with the school and being supportive of the ever changing procedures. Let's keep our fingers crossed (after washing them!) that we may be heading towards more normality.

I am aware that, due to restrictions, some of you may have had holiday plans delayed and have been offered dates that fall in term time. While I appreciate a family's desire to go, please understand that we have to follow guidelines for attendance which means we cannot authorise term time holidays. Fines for five days' absence can be triggered but these are NOT paid to the school but to the Kent Authority.

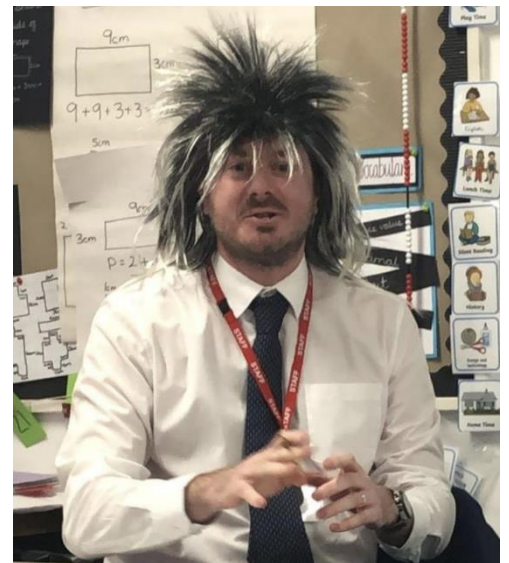
It is also a good time to remind you that any request for a leave of absence needs to be done via written communication, letter or email, addressed to the Headteacher through the school office.

As explained in the last newsletter, primary assessments have returned and it is important that your child is in school every day to allow them the best chance to succeed.

We have been working on different ways to help support your children with their learning from the introduction of a new phonic scheme, Little Wandle; restructuring our book corners to help support children in independently choosing books to support their reading ability; fun workshops (read on the next page about the History Workshop this week!) with some educational visits thrown in too.

We've already seen increased knowledge and understanding and skill development in science using our Pzaz scheme and Kapow for our Art and DT work. The children have really been enjoying learning Spanish as our Modern Foreign Language!

We are always looking for fun, engaging ways to learn. Year 5 and 6 are trialing i-hub on First News to enhance their reading BUT we are REALLY EXCITED to roll out **Times Tables Rock Stars!** Introduced by our very own Rock Star In Residence (do you recognise him under that hair?) - watch out for more details coming your way!



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This week classes from Beech (Year 1) to Sycamore (Year 6) had their own personalised History workshops!



The children were amazing with our guest and enjoyed learning about the period of History their class is studying this term. It was a pleasure to walk around school and see the children enjoying their time exploring more about Crime and Punishment, World War 2, Invaders & Settlers, Explorers....

But we also learnt that the past influences our future – I can't wait to see the end of term result as each class contributes to our whole school History timeline display!

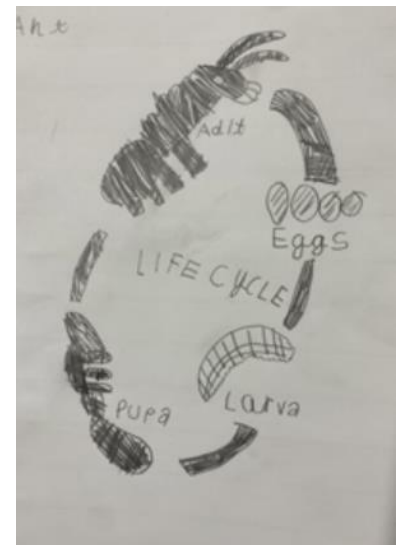
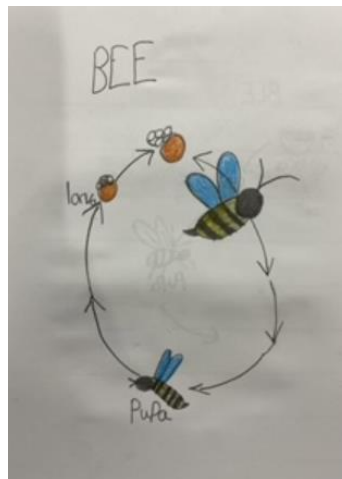
LIFE CYCLES in Year 2

There has been some exciting teaching of Life Cycles of animals and insects – some recordings you can see here!

They then linked this back to prior learning of the human life cycle. The children in Year 2 were then the first to hear the exciting news that their teacher is expecting a baby!

I don't think she'd thank me for writing some of the comments the children made about the reasons her belly had grown over Christmas – but I expect you can imagine yourselves ;-)

Many congratulations to Miss Gower and Mr Shield – lovely news to start a new year!



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